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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

**LONDON.**—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GORCH, Ludgate Circus, R. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, R. C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

**NEW YORK.**—ANDREW WILD, 133, Nassau Street.

**AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.**—GORDON & GORCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

**SAN FRANCISCO** and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

**CHINA.**—SWATOW, QUELON & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HEDDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WATSON, Manilla, C. HARRIS & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GAMA.

## Banks.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 200,000 Dollars.

**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
Chairman—E. R. BELLING, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—AD. ANDER, Esq.  
J. F. CORDEN, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.  
H. HOFFMAN, Esq. E. D. SANSOON, Esq.  
A. MOLVER, Esq.

**ACT. CHIEF MANAGERS.**  
Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.  
Shanghai, . . . EYEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

**INTEREST ALLOWED.**  
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

**LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.**  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. FERDINAND NIKSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.  
MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SZEN has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration.  
We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

**NOTICE.**  
MR. LUDWIG SIGMUND LUKENS is authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.  
W. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

**NOTICE.**  
MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junr., is authorized to sign our Firm.  
W. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, December 23, 1876. fe1

**NOTICE.**  
THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KLER & Co.  
H. KLER.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

**THE Interest and Responsibility of** our Firm of the late Mr. J. C. KREUER ceased with his death at Yokohama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on as heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr. H. KLER.  
MR. RICHARD SCHUBERT has been authorized to sign the Firm.  
KREUSE & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

**NOTICE.**  
MR. H. C. EEDMAN has been admitted a Partner in our Firm, and Mr. ALFRED HEDTZ has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration.  
CARLOWITZ & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

**VICTORIA DISPENSARY.**  
ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.  
WM. CRUICKSHANK,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the Firm of  
G. RAYNAL & Co.  
at this Port, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.  
GUSTAV RAYNAL,  
CARL MILLSCH.  
Macao, January 1, 1877. fe2

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Viscount de CARVAL in our Firm ceased on the 1st April 1876.  
A. A. DE MELLO & Co.  
Macao, January 1, 1877. fe3

**I HAVE** this day Established myself at this Port under my own name as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
O. KEES.  
Canton, January 9, 1877. fe9

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. ALFRED HUTCHISON in our Firm Ceased on the 26th February 1876.  
DEACON & Co.  
Canton, January 1, 1877. fe3

**NOTICE.**  
THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.  
C. J. MESTERN,  
W. HULSE.  
Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES BEWICK QUELON in our Firm Ceased on the 30th September, 1876. The Business will be Continued under the Style of CAMPBELL & Co.  
QUELON & CAMPBELL.  
Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

**NOTICE.**  
THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & FEHRS will from this Date be carried on as heretofore under the Style of  
J. D. MEYER & Co.  
Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

**NOTICE.**  
MR. H. EBELL has This Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at Swatow and Hoibow, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HERTON, EBELL & Co."  
EDWARD HERTON.  
Swatow-Hoibow, January 1, 1877. fe19

## Intimations.

**HONGKONG.**  
**Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,**  
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,  
38, Queen's Road,  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHRONOMETERS,  
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.  
All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. ft.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS** in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 38, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, the 10th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.  
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 16th February, both days inclusive.  
By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fe13

**MACAO HOTEL,**  
PRATA GRANDE, MACAO.

**ON** the 20th Instant, a First Class HOTEL will be OPENED, under the above title, in Spacious, Commodious, and well-furnished Premises on the Prata Grande.  
Every attention will be paid to the comfort of Visitors.  
Wines, Spirits and Eatables of the best quality only supplied. Terms moderate.  
J. P. DE CAMPOS,  
Proprietor.  
Macao, January 6, 1877.

## Intimations.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF  
**ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s**  
**CELEBRATED BRANDY.**

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.  
The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.  
Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,  
**POMMERY & GRENOS.**  
"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,  
in Quarts and Pints,  
As supplied to the principal London Clubs.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

**THE MEDICAL HALL,**  
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
ESTABLISHED 1853.  
TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

**W. BALL,**  
CHINA DISPENSARY.  
IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.  
Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness and Prompt Attention.  
PRATA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.  
Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**NOTICE.**  
THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.  
Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

**NO. 1 of the "TOKIO TIMES" (A Weekly Journal)** will be Published at Tokio on Saturday, January 6, 1877. Terms of Subscription: \$12 per Year. Single Copies, 25 cents.  
Advertisements: 50 cents per Inch or part of an Inch, and \$5 per Column.  
Orders received by  
Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January, 1877. ja24

**NOTICE.**  
ON and after the 15th of January, my Charge for Brokerage on all SHARES, will be HALF PER CENT on the Full Amount, to be Paid by the Seller only.  
W. M. MORGAN,  
Broker.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877. fe18

**Shipping.**  
**Steamers.**  
FOR LONDON, VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.  
The Steamship  
"ALTONA."  
Captain MULLER, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Noon.  
For Freight, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877. ja28

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.**  
The Steamship  
"DOUGLAS,"  
Captain GUZARA, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877. ja24

**FOR COOKTOWN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.**  
The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamship  
"SOMERSET,"  
will be despatched as above, from SINGAPORE, on or about the 4th February next.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to the Undersigned, who are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877.

**FOR LONDON.**  
The Steamship  
"GLENROY,"  
A. TAYLOR, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 10th Proximo.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
The Company's Steamship  
"ALBATROS,"  
Comdt. REYNIER, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.  
H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
The Company's Steamship  
"AMAZON,"  
Comdt. BATES, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.  
H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, January 19, 1877.

**Sailing Vessels.**  
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The A 1 American Barque  
"ANTIOCH,"  
THOMAS MEERLIN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 8, 1877. fe3

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The A 1 British Clipper Barque  
"UNANIMA,"  
CAIR, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and meet with early despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1877. fe3

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The A 1 American Bark  
"CEYLON,"  
KELLY, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877. fe18

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The American Ship  
"SUMATRA,"  
Captain CHOUH, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
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RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877. fe19

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

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For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877. fe19

### FOR LONDON.

### (If sufficient Inducement offers.)

The 3/3 L. 1. 1. Russian Ship  
"VANADIS,"  
WELAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.  
For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 8, 1877.

### FOR NEW YORK.

### The A 1 American Ship

"CUTWATER,"  
CHEELMAN, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

### FOR LONDON.

### The A 1 British Ship

"ENGLAND'S GLORY,"  
KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

### FOR MANILA.

### The Spanish Brig

"SAN LORENZO,"  
PIED, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

### FOR SALE.

### TUBORG FABRIKEN

### DANISH BEER.

To be had from  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877. fe14

### FOR SALE.

### CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s

Celebrated  
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.  
Apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, June 23, 1876.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from M. S. TONNOCHY, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

### FRIDAY,

the 26th day of January, 1877, at 2 p.m. at Brook Cottage, Caine Road,—

The whole of his English and Colonial made Household FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bedroom Suites, Carved Book Case, Pier Glasses, Engraving, Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Marble-top Tea-poy, Plated-ware, Cutlery, Glass-ware; Diamond, Dessert and Breakfast Sets; A Collection of Books, Japanese and Chinese Porcelain and Lacquered-ware, Ningpo Carvings, A Large Collection of Flowering and Other Plants.

An AVIARY and One Large TENT. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Thursday, the 25th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1877. ja26

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH & CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE,

etc., etc., etc.

And,  
ONE BILLIARD TABLE, WITH BALLS, CUES, &c., COMPLETE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs HEARD & Co., to sell by Public Auction, on

### TUESDAY,

the 30th day of January, 1877, at 2 p.m., at their Residence, Caine Road,—

The whole of their Substantial Household FURNITURE, Etc., comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Marble-top Tables, Sofas, Easy Chairs, Chairs, Pier Glasses, Carpets, Hearth Rugs, Side Board, Whatnots, Marble-mounted Clocks, Davenport, Gasaliers and Gas Brackets, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Toilet Tables and Washstands, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, Crockery, etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 29th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1877. ja30

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

### WEDNESDAY,

the 31st January, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALING STORES, comprising: Old Iron, Lignum-vitæ, Woollen Rags, Old Carpet, Offal Wood, Old Casks and Cases, Blunt and Bisont Dust, Chocolate, Flour, Biscuit Bags, Blue Cloth, Blue Serge, Stockings, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Implements, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877. ja31

### FOR SALE.

TUBORG FABRIKEN  
DANISH BEER.

To be had from  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 13, 1877. fe14

### FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s  
Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.  
Apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, June 23, 1876.

## Notices to Consignees.

**CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
**BRAEMAR CASTLE.**  
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr. A. McE. Hearn, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining after the 23rd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 16, 1877. ja28

**FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.**

THE S. S. *Egeria*, PAULSEN, Master, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk by the Under-signed into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 17th Instant.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 16, 1877. ja23

**GERMAN STEAMER CASSANDRA.**  
LANGER, Master, FROM HAMBURG via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-signed, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given until Noon To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 17, 1877. ja24

**FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.**

THE S. S. *Glenroy* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under-signed, into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 4 p.m. To-day.

Goods remaining in Godown after the 25th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents S. S. *Glenroy*.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877. ja25

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. *LOMBARDY*.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel, from Bombay and intermediate Ports, and in connection with the *BOCKAR* and *LABRESE*, from London, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 27th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded by the following Steamer, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

A. MILLER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1877. ja27

## AH YON.

**SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.**

No. 57, Praya Wen.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.**  
The Steamer "ALMOY."

G. H. DREWES, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 23rd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877. ja29

## STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London.

Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *SHIV*, Captain LEE, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. MILLER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877. ja29

## To-day's Advertisements.

**FOR LONDON, VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.**

The Departure of the S. S. "ALTONA."

Capt. MILLER, is postponed until WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877. ja24

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

**SATURDAY,** the 3rd February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 34, Hollywood Road,—

**SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,** comprising: English Rosewood Red Rep Covered Drawing-room Suit, Dining and Bed-room Suits, Pier Glasses, Brussels Carpets, Curtains, Chandeliers, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Glass and Plated-ware, Vases, Clocks, and One Piano.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877. fel

## NEARLY READY.

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
Jan. 21, *Rajanattianuhar*, British steamer, 934, G. J. Hopkins, Bangkok Jan. 12, Rice. —YUEN FAT HONG.

Jan. 21, *Aratoun Apar*, British steamer, 995, J. Peters, Bangkok Jan. 11, Rice. —CHINESE.

Jan. 21, *Norna*, British steamer, 605, A. G. Walker, Swatow Jan. 20, General. —KWOK ACHONG.

Jan. 21, *Amoy*, Brit. str., from Canton.

Jan. 21, *schiller*, British steamer, 1560, T. Russell, Liverpool Nov. 29, via ports of call and Singapore—Jan. 13, General. —BETTERED & WILSON.

Jan. 21, *Fuyoo*, Chinese steamer, 920, A. Crow, Shanghai Jan. 17, General. —O. M. S. N. Co.

Jan. 21, *Star of China*, British ship, 704, E. B. Blaker, Nagasaki Jan. 14, General. —DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Jan. 21, *Meikong*, French steamer, 2119, Foache, Shanghai Jan. 19, Mails and General. —MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Jan. 22, *Tanais*, French steamer, 1735, Reynier, Yokohama Jan. 10, Mails and General. —MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

**DEPARTURES.**  
Jan. 21, *Burra Noorfa*, for Singapore.

21, *Fano*, for Hamburg.

21, *Olympia*, for Hoihow.

21, *Playew*, for Canton.

21, *Tehing Tsing*, for Canton.

21, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.

21, *Lombardy*, for Shanghai.

21, *China*, for Shanghai.

22, *Glenroy*, for Shanghai.

22, *Thales*, for Cooktown.

22, *Swinger*, H.M. g.-b., for Macao.

22, *Shen-chi*, H.M. g.-b., for a Cruise.

## CLEARED.

*Killarney*, for Guam.

*Norna*, for Swatow.

*Achilles*, for Shanghai.

*Amoy*, for Ningpo and Shanghai.

*Formosa*, for Keelung.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For *Meikong*, from Shanghai: For Hongkong, Messrs Clapartide, O. Sating, O. Wray, J. H. Forbes, Hingston and two Chinese. For Port Said, Mr C. Throckoff.

For Marseilles, Miss J. Lourie, Mr and Mrs Medhurst, child and servant, Messrs L. Samson, F. Scherzer, A. L. Orsted and C. C. Sonne.

For *Tanais*, from Yokohama: For Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Dowson, Messrs H. Strachan, Davis, and Hoebe; for Batavia, Mr Garand; for Marseilles, Mrs Strachan, Chambermaid and servant, Messrs Pollard, Doubleday, L. Canal, Guintrand, Moullet, H. Degron, and S. Segal.

For *Norna*, from Swatow, Capt. Anderson, Mr Beris, 2 European deck, and 100 Chinese.

For *Achilles*, Messrs Munro and Robinson, and 280 Chinese.

For *Rajanattianuhar* from Bangkok, 185 Chinese.

For *Aratoun Apar* from Bangkok, 65 Chinese.

For *Fuyoo*, from Shanghai, 1 European deck and 65 Chinese.

For *Star of China*, from Nagasaki, 1 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For *Sunda*, for Yokohama, Messrs Oordef and M. Brown.

For *Lombardy*, for Shanghai, Messrs J. T. Sisson and R. Taylor.

## PASSENGERS.

Per *Olympia*, for Hoihow, Mr Hatten, and 20 Chinese.

Per *China*, for Shanghai, 25 Chinese.

Per *Burra Noorfa*, for Singapore, 16 Chinese.

Per *Thales*, for Cooktown, 2 Europeans and 452 Chinese.

Per *Glenroy*, for Shanghai, 2 Europeans.

To DEPART.

Per *Norna*, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.

Per *Amoy*, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Rajanattianuhar* reports: Bar to Pulo Obi moderate monsoon and clear weather, thence to Cape Varella strong monsoon and heavy sea. Thence up to the morning of the 21st fine weather, when a dense fog set in, which lasted for four hours, when it cleared up and blew fresh from the Eastward.

The British steamer *Aratoun Apar* reports: From Bangkok to Pulo Obi light winds from N.E. Thence to Cape Pidan strong breeze with very high sea. Padaran arrived moderate monsoon. On the 20th inst. thick fog, anchored close to Lardonek at 6 p.m. Arrived at Hongkong at 9 p.m. on the 21st.

The British steamer *Norna* reports: Fresh N.E. winds with high sea and thick atmosphere.

The British steamer *Achilles* reports: From Scilly to Lisbon strong gale W. and S.W. Leaving Singapore fresh monsoon and cloudy weather with heavy sea. Pulo Sapata to Port light air and fine weather.

The British ship *Star of China* reports: Strong N.W. gale on leaving port, then fine N.E. monsoon till off the Brothers, when we becalmed for two days, thence N.E. monsoon to port.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

**MAILS will close:—**

For NINGPO & SHANGHAI.—

Per *AMOI*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

For SWATOW.—

Per *NOINA*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

For SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW.—

Per *DOUGLAS*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, AND LONDON.—

Per *ALTONA*, at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 24th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For MANILA.—

Per *CASSANDRA*, at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

Per *Brig SAN LORENZO*, at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 25th inst.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *MEIKONG*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 25th Instant, with

Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, St. Paul, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet, but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked *Ad to Galle only*, they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 24th Inst.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 25th Inst.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, to Saigon, or Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m. when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, January 11, 1877. ja25

## MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *KHIVA*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 1st February.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 31st Inst.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 1st Inst.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

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## THE S. S. GABLO.

will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

General Post Office.

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## MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The S. S. *DIOMEDE* will be despatched shortly with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence for this route cannot be forwarded by the French Packet on Thursday morning, except under prepaid cover to an agent at Singapore.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

General Post Office.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, January 24.—

Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Fochow.

11 a.m.—Tenders for Treasury Bills received by the Assistant-Commissary General.

2 p.m.—*Altona* leaves for London.

Goods per *Cassandra* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, January 25.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. O. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at City Hall.

Goods per *Glenroy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 26.—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, at Brook Cottage, Cause Road.

SATURDAY, January 27.—

Goods per *Lombardy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 30.—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at the residence of Messrs Heard & Co., Cause Road.

WEDNESDAY, January 31.—

11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store.

THURSDAY, February 1.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

## THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Report of the Board of Directors to the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, January 25th:—

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Accounts of the Company for the half-year ending 31st December last.

After paying running expenses, premia of insurance, salaries, ordinary repairs, and the sum of \$11,453.80 for completion of the extraordinary repairs to the *Kin Shan*, and *Spark*, alluded to in the last report, there remains, including \$5,039.24 brought forward from last account, a net profit of \$30,099.84, which, in the opinion of the Directors, is a fair return on the working of the steamers, considering that they have been carrying cargo and passengers at extremely low rates consequent on continued opposition to their traffic. The Directors are of opinion, and they trust Shareholders will agree with them, that it is more important that the permanent interests of the Company should be considered and its strength increased than that a dividend should at this time be paid, and they, therefore, propose that the above net earnings should be disposed of—of \$11,114.97 being transferred to credit of Depreciation Account, bringing that fund (which has been reduced to \$139,885.03 as shown in the Statement) up to \$150,000, by appropriating \$2,500 as Directors' fees, and by carrying forward \$16,484.87 to new account.

During the period under review, certain approaches, which have proved unsuccessful, have been made with a view to acquiring the steamers that is running in opposition to the Company on the Canton line.

The steamer *Fai Wan*, having been condemned by Surveyors, has been sold for \$3,250 and the loss written off by transfer of \$6,750 to debit of Depreciation fund. It has been also necessary, in consequence of the expense of saving a portion of the machinery of *Poyang* proving greater than anticipated, to write off the sum of \$4,304.97.

After much consideration, and acting upon the recommendation of Experts, the Directors have ordered for the *Fouan* a new cylinder and gear, which, it is expected, will improve her speed and make her quite suitable as a reserve boat. The cost of the machinery and refit is estimated at \$5,000. With this exception, the Directors anticipate no outlay for extraordinary repairs in the near future, as the steamers are now in a thoroughly efficient condition.

No change has taken place in the Direction of the Company. Mr. A. André is absent from the Board on leave.

The retiring Auditors, Messrs H. Smith and E. Mellish, offer themselves for re-election.

W. Keswick, Acting Chairman, Hongkong, 17th January 1877.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

The Turkish Grand Council has delivered its reply, rejecting the proposals of the Great Powers.

Shanghai, Jan. 19th. The German Minister is mediating between China and Spain; the Spanish Minister has in the meantime returned to Peking.

## Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.) January 22, 1877.

## TAKING A FISHMAN.

Low Afat, a fisherman, was charged with receiving \$3.70 from one Ho Shiu Kew, a fisherman, for the restoration to him of a fishing net which he had lost. The matter would have dropped, but for its having come to the ears of the Police. The defendant was sent to two months' hard labour. The \$2 found on the prisoner's person and forming portion of the ransom, were ordered to be returned to the complainant.

## NEGLECTED.

Hu A Kwai, a watchman, was charged by his master with allowing a prisoner given into his charge for stealing, to escape. The defendant was in the employ of a contractor at Siwan and he had the building materials to look after. A piece of wood was stolen by a boy who was caught by the master and was given into his charge until a policeman could be brought, but the boy was let go before the policeman arrived. Fined 5/.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Chan Aping, who was charged the other day with having brought a pest to the Police office for renewal which had been reported as having been lost by the owner, was again brought up. The man who gave it to him to get changed, came forward and admitted that he picked it up in Gue Street, but did not know who was the owner. Fined 10/.

## TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

Tang Ayuet, a married woman, was again brought up to answer the charge of purchasing one woman with the view of taking her to Singapore. It appeared that the woman in question was 27 years old, that she had been cast away by her husband and that she was a consenting party to whatever might be done with her. There was, moreover, no evidence of purchase. The accused was consequently discharged, for whom Mr. Dennis appeared.

## ASSAULT.

Two coolies were charged for assaulting the head coolie at the Sugar Refinery. It appeared that the complainant had the 2nd defendant discharged from the service of the establishment for laziness, and was assaulted by him in revenge. He was assisted by the 1st defendant. Fined \$1 each.

## ALLEGED LARCENY.

A tailor in the employ of A-Tick was charged under the following circumstances. Mr. Sangster, yesterday, had occasion to send a coat he had been wearing during the morning, to A-Tick to be mended, forgetting to take a pocket book out containing \$200 in notes. The chair coolie (Mr. Sangster) who took the coat to A-Tick and the tailor who received it were met in the shop five minutes afterwards by Mr. Sangster, who had hastened to the shop, but the pocket book and notes were not to be found, although the work-room was searched. Mr. May remanded the case for a week, admitting the Tailor to bail in the sum of \$100 and the chair-coolie (charged also) in \$10. The Magistrate remarked there was strong suspicion against the tailor and he fixed the bail high in the hope that the heads of the establishment would endeavour to find out such a disgraceful robbery.

## SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship Chief Justice Sir JOHN STALE.)

January 22, 1877.

Brown & Another v. Alabar & Another, \$12,307.32.

The following are the Special Jurors:—Messrs A. Newton, H. Hopplius, B. Cope, H. L. Dalrymple, C. Kahn, T. G. Williams, son and F. D. Sassoon.

Mr. Russell, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiffs.

The Hon. the Acting Attorney General (Mr. Phillippo), and Mr. Kingemill, instructed by Mr. Brereton, appeared for the defendants.

The Attorney General then addressed the Jury on the facts of the case. He said that, apart from the points of law in this case, the real question was as to who should bear the disastrous losses which had unfortunately arisen out of this case. Of course, Messrs Meyer, Alabar & Co. would have been more satisfied if the results of these transactions had turned out to be satisfactory to both parties, the question is who was to bear them according to law and to mercantile usage. The plaintiffs on their part said they were not responsible, being only the agents for the defendants. Meyer, Alabar & Co., on the other hand, urged that although the plaintiffs were their agents, they were only their agents to a certain extent, and that they were bound by certain obligations, and consequently they should bear the losses. It was hard that Brown & Co. should bear them, it was harder still for Meyer, Alabar & Co. to have to suffer for matters over which they had no control. There was no meeting between the parties, and throughout the correspondence, the defendants did not impute anything dishonourable to the plaintiffs. They only said that the plaintiffs did not carry out their orders in a proper manner, and the dispute was the difference in the views each took of the mercantile practice, and in a case like this both parties were justified in having the case tried in Court. The Attorney General then went into the particulars of the demand. He contended that the plaintiffs were negligent in paying the bargain money and in leaving the bags in the hands of the Japanese. He then proceeded to give the particulars of his counter claim. It consisted of \$90,909 compensation paid to purchasers in Europe of the cargo of the *Walton*, for deficient delivery. The next item was inferior quality of rice per *Walton*, \$388.15. The next item was for the loss of freight in not filling the *Araby Maid* and the *Walton*, making in all \$3,851.51, the total amount of the counter claim. The defendants contended that they were led to believe by the statement of the plaintiffs that there was ample rice to fill the *Araby Maid* and *Walton*, and indeed up to 1st April last they had nothing which would lead them to doubt it. They had been guaranteed full cargoes for the *Stomaway* and *Ben Ledi*. The defendants were justified on the plaintiffs' statements in placing the vessels on the berth and making their arrangements accordingly, and if any losses arose therefrom, the plaintiffs were responsible. The learned Attorney General then went into the correspondence to support his point that the defendants were justified in their rice operations on the statements of the plaintiffs' letters. The plaintiffs wrote on the 31st July 1873 to the effect that "the crop owing to late heavy rains was in a very satisfactory condition and with continued fine weather would be equal in quantity and probably better in quality than last year." Thereupon the defendants ordered on the 22nd August "about 1000 tons of Japan rice of fair average quality tons of the new crop, to be shipped from Higo direct to London by sailing vessel or vessels. We limit you for this shipment with 9 shillings cost and freight, including charges for re-packing, but excluding insurance, and cost of new bags which would send up as soon as we hear from you." If the new crop promises well, we think you ought to buy considerably cheaper. Should any minor details seem not quite clear to you, in the above instructions, please act as you may deem most advisable in our interest." The Attorney General contended that these instructions were specific, and the plaintiffs in making their arrangements with the Japanese contractors should have seen that they were substantial men, who would carry out their contracts, and they should have acted generally in the interest of the defendants. The plaintiffs telegraphed on the 1st October: "We can buy rice at old best \$1.83. *Bermah* requires 100 tons to fill up at 75/." The vessel is a first class risk." To this the defendants replied, "Price too high, prefer waiting new crop." The price did not go down as expected but rose higher. On the 16th November the plaintiffs wrote to say that they had been offered contracts for arrival in 60 days at \$1.60 per picul, and asked if the defendants wished to operate on that basis. This the Attorney General said, was the first time the defendants knew about these contracts of rice to arrive, having been kept ignorant of this fact all the while. The defendants did not go into this transaction. On the 22nd November the defendants telegraphed: "Buy for our account thousand tons rice at twelve shillings four pence per cent weight, cost and freight, shipment either per sailing vessel or per steamer. At what price can you buy further thousand tons rice. Please reply by telegraph immediately." This was the first actual order. This was confirmed by letter dated the same day in which they requested the plaintiffs for 1,000 or 2,000 tons as most suitable. The Attorney General submitted that the limit of 12 1/4 was not responsible for anything beyond it, nor for anything the plaintiffs chose to do in the matter. This was the basis on which the parties transacted business having reference to the fact that had transpired in connection therewith. It did not matter to Meyer, Alabar & Co. from whom Brown & Co. bought the rice, provided it was put on board within the limit fixed. The plaintiffs replied to the telegraphic order for rice as follows: "We are in treaty for Japanese rice at \$2.10 which will lay down at limits. Market firm and good scarce." Meyer, Alabar & Co. telegraphed back "Three thousand tons rice even trifle dearer. Offers more firmly. We raise our limit 1/2 if shipment by steamer. If you cannot procure necessary rice, give particulars what required—may charter here or Shanghai. Perhaps steamer here procurable 25/3000 provide credits. Please reply by telegraph immediately." The defendants telegraphed again the same evening, "Sir. *Ben Ledi* expected Shanghai 20th December would accept 1000 tons 25/. If suitable instruct Meyerink, Shanghai, to charter. State conditions, lay days required; at what price can you buy rice free on board in sterling." On the 12th December the defendants sent a telegram "Meyerink telegraphs other people offer *Ben Ledi*, may lose chance by waiting. Buy further thousand rice for *Glenlyon* if steamer obtainable, give us quotations free on board in sterling." To this the plaintiffs replied: "Japanese rice will cost with 45 freight 138/ per cwt. We have telegraphed to Meyerink Shanghai about the steamer *Ben Ledi*." The correspondence throughout undoubtedly led the defendants to believe that the 1,000 tons ordered were actually in the plaintiffs' hands, and the *Ben Ledi* would have been chartered had it not been for some hesitation and there would have been some further heavy losses. The plaintiffs advised as follows on the 9th December: "Of the 1,000 tons advised as purchased in our last, we have been obliged to reject nearly a half, but have since secured a further 1,000 tons at \$2.20. The *Glenlyon* and *Winthorpe* had been taken up, or in all probability they would have been plaintiffs telegraphed that they had purchased further 500 tons, making the total 2,000 tons. No mention whatever was made in these orders as to time delivery. On 22nd December the plaintiffs telegraphed a further purchase of 1,200 tons—the last purchase—at \$2.25. Upon this the defendants telegraphed to the plaintiffs to buy no more until shipment had been arranged. Some correspondence ensued as to the *Stomaway* whose capacity was 2,200 tons, and plaintiffs guaranteed a full cargo. The *Araby Maid* and *Walton* were, however, finally chartered, who, combined, could only carry 1,800 tons, leaving 300 tons to make up the quantity the plaintiffs absolutely undertook to supply the defendants with, and which the defendants had no reason to believe it was not in the plaintiffs' hands. On 23rd December the defendants wrote to the plaintiffs: "We cannot otherwise account for your desiring 40 days for shipping the rice than that the same has not yet been packed, and not yet delivered." On the 27th December plaintiffs telegraphed we can make a contract for new rice best at \$2.10, delivery within 90 days, bargain if required." This offer was not accepted by the defendants, and this was the first intimation of the bargain money being required, and that only in relation to new rice, not old. If it was necessary to mention the bargain money for the new rice why was it not necessary for the old rice and why should the defendants be charged with bargain money? Further correspondence ensued, in the course of which the charter of the *Cheops* was talked of, but was not carried out on account of her too great capacity. On the 8th January 1874, the plaintiffs advised the charter of the *Araby Maid* by Mr. Meyerink at Shanghai. On the 16th January Brown & Co. advised the charter of the *Walton* and gave the charter of the *Araby Maid* as follows. "The *Araby Maid* has not yet arrived, and as all rice is bought here from 30 to 35 days delivery, we may have to incur some extra expenses." The Attorney General said this was the first intimation they had of old rice being purchased at forward delivery.

One of the Jurors said he took the construction of that sentence to mean that the rice was ready all the time, and that delivery must be taken within that time. The Attorney General contended the word "delivery" to mean the rice to be delivered within so many days. Continuing his address, the Attorney General referred to the letter of the 17th January of Meyer, Alabar & Co. to the plaintiffs, informing them of the charter of the steamer *Ombo*, which carried 1,100 tons. This would give carrying capacity of 8,100 tons, the *Araby Maid* carrying 1,150 tons and the *Walton* 2,200 tons. On 21st January, Meyer & Co. telegraphed to the plaintiffs to stop packing, for the *Ombo*, until further notice. To this the plaintiffs replied, "Hongkong Bank here won't settle rate of exchange, try and arrange your rate, *Araby* just arrived, must continue packing rice or throw up purchases. Merchants very troublesome, grain advanced \$2.80. If you can cancel charter of *Ombo* we think you had better do so." The defendants telegraphed back "Cancelled *Ombo*, continue packing rice, insist on receiving whole quantity contracted, if necessary store what tonnage is still required, call arrange bank at what rate you can." On the 26th January the defendants wrote to the plaintiffs, requesting information as to the actual state of the market and that if \$2.60 could be got the plaintiffs might resell the rice the defendants had bought. On the 26th January the defendants telegraphed "wire when *Araby* further notices leading," and on the 30th a further telegram was sent, "At what price can you sell the rice destined for the *Ombo* please the net advance per picul. Please reply at once by wire." This showed that the defendants were under the impression that a portion at least of the cargo intended for the *Ombo* was in hand already. On the 2nd February, the plaintiffs wrote to the defendants informing them that it was customary in Japan to pay bargain money and that they had done so, as without that no contract was binding. This was the first time the defendants received any intimation as to the bargain money, they were not told the amounts nor that they were charged with them; no particulars were furnished. If the plaintiffs had made any claim at that time, it would probably have been resisted. Further quotations from the correspondence were made, when the case was adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m. The day was entirely occupied with reading of the correspondence and with comments thereon, and it had only been half got through.

## CHINA.

(News.)

We notice that the *Hankow* has been withdrawn from the Ningbo line, and the *Kiangsu* has it all her own way—running we presume on account of the U. S. S. N. Co. Freighters are put on the line. Strangers to the Chinese don't seem to like this feature in their great purchase, and begin not to think it quite so fine a thing as they did at the first announcement.

The *Golden State*, from New York, reports having rescued the Captain and some of the crew of the schooner *Ada W. Gou'd*, which she found distressed and waterlogged on the 10th of September.

The chief mate and a passenger by the schooner were drowned, and the other members of the crew suffered greatly from hunger and exposure.

It may interest some of our sporting readers to learn that a party of four gentlemen have just returned from an up-country trip, with the magnificent bag of 1,030 head of game, the result of 18 days' shooting. The bag is comprised of 853 pheasants, 64 deer, 108 ducks and teal, 9 hares, and 1 woodcock, and is an unusually heavy one for the season of the year.

The *Singao* publishes a letter from the Tsing-Hwai district, north of the Yangtze, speaking of the great numbers of refugees daily arriving, and praising the measures taken for their relief. We are glad to see that the idea of employing them on public works is being taken up.—The towns named are to the north of Yangchow, in the district between that city and the old bed of the Yellow River.

We have heard a report that the Chinese are in negotiation for the purchase of the Russian steamer *Batrah*, but mention it with all reserve, in view of the present tendency to credit them with an intention to buy up everything.

We mentioned recently that the river steamer *Hongkong* had been placed in the hands of Messrs. Boyd Co. for the purpose of lengthening her 40 ft.—This has been successfully accomplished, and the vessel was relaunched yesterday afternoon.

A meeting of members of the testimonial to W. H. Medhurst, Esq., late H.B.M.'s Consul at Shanghai, was held yesterday afternoon (Jan. 16th) at the Agricultural Bank, to decide what form the memorial should take. The amount subscribed was about \$1,500, and it was decided that, as it would be difficult to procure a suitable gift in Shanghai, it would be best to hand Mr. Medhurst a cheque for the amount, and ask him to select plate in England, the same to bear inscription to be drawn up by the committee. It was arranged that the testimonial should be presented immediately after the presentation of the address to Mr. Medhurst, which is to take place at three o'clock this afternoon (16th), at H. B. M.'s Consulate.

The meeting of Shareholders in the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company called yesterday (Jan. 16th), to consider the proposed sale to the Chinese, was very fully attended; 20,000 shares being represented, out of the total number of 25,000. On the terms of the offer were stated as we have already explained them. The whole of the Company's property to be sold to the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company for £1,200,000; one half of this sum to be paid before the 31st March next and the remainder in instalments of £1,500,000 per quarter, extending over five years; the Chinese paying interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on the outstanding balances. The purchasers have however the option of hastening the payments as they may choose; while Messrs. Russell & Co. will only transfer the Company's property piecemeal, retaining always a sufficient residue as security for the remaining payments.—A proposal by the Chairman that these terms be accepted, was seconded by Mr. F. H. Bell, and carried unanimously. A further proposal, concerning the liquidation of the Company, was also assented to; and after Mr. Pootal had said a few words of regret at the severance of Messrs. Russell & Co.'s connection with the Company, which were warmly endorsed by the Shareholders present, the meeting broke up.

The Harbour Master has handed us the following letter for publication:—

Dear Sir,—On 11th December, 1876, at 2 p.m., while passing between Matsou and Sen Cat Rock, on our passage from Foochow to Shanghai, Flat Rock, off Matsou, bearing N.N.W. (mag.), distance about 2 1/2 miles, the ship then drawing 18 feet, struck twice. Took a cast of the lead at once, and got four fathoms, next cast gave seven, and at the next had no bottom at ten fathoms. At this place on the Admiralty charts there are 16 and 18 fathoms marked. It could get a cross bearing of Matsou, the ship had altered her position. The chief officer, Mr. Hines, estimated the distance off Flat Rock at 2 1/2 miles, but I think 1 mile is nearer. There is little doubt of the ship having struck, as we found three planks badly chafed while in dock here.—ANDREW SHAWAN, Master, Brit. ship *Norman Court*.

We hear that the stern-wheel steamer lately built by Messrs. Blethen and Co. has been sold to some Hankow merchants for £1,88,000, and is intended to run on the River. She is, indeed, loading for her first trip, off the French Bund.

W. H. Medhurst, Esq., H. B. M.'s late Consul for Shanghai and Chinkiang, was yesterday (Jan. 16th) presented with an address and testimonial on the occasion of his resignation and early departure for England. The presentation took place in the Supreme Court room at H. B. M.'s Consulate, and a large number of the leading residents were present. Mr. Krauss read the address, to which were attached over two hundred signatures, and Mr. Medhurst delivered an admirable reply, which was received with frequent and warm applause.—The testimonial, which consisted of a cheque for \$1,500, to be spent on a service of plate bearing an appropriate inscription, was made by Mr. Morav, and was also fittingly acknowledged. We understand that Mr. Medhurst leaves Shanghai by the next French mail.

## (COURTESY.)

A party of eight, which returned from up-country a short time ago after a two weeks' trip, brought with them a hundred and forty-four deer.

We hear from Swatow that a Mr. Abel (or Ebell) is going there soon as German Consul. He has been some time in Macao, and now proceeds to Swatow to join the firm of Herton & Co.

General Sheppard, late United States Consul at Swatow, arrived to-day per *Yen-tsin*, en route for his new post at Hankow.

We hear that, in consequence of certain changes which are being made in the *Singao* office, half of the employees having been dismissed yesterday by the Tao-tai, there will probably be no English translations in that paper for the next few days.

We have received fresh advice from Peking about the Spanish revolution. Herr von Brandt, the German Minister, is acting as intermediary between the two Governments, and it is hoped, may succeed in arranging the difficulty. The Spanish Minister has meanwhile returned to the Capital, where negotiations are now progressing. Some slight annoyance, we hear, has been expressed at the fact of his somewhat abrupt withdrawal, having lasted out the winter season will probably have the effect of delaying any further hostile

measures, and the unavoidable prolongation of negotiations may lead to a compromise. Meanwhile, however, the Sulu fleet is still under orders for the China seas.

## FIRE AT NO. 59, YOKOHAMA.

(Japan Gazette, Jan. 15.)

The origin of the fire is, as yet, unknown; and indeed it is difficult to point with certainty to the precise spot where the flames first originated, though it is generally reported that the fire was first seen in the front part of the ground floor of Messrs. Kelly & Co.'s premises, where there is every reason to believe that it commenced. It is certain that the first signs of the fire were observed in that house by two foreign gentlemen who, hearing a hissing, crackling noise, drew the attention of a Japanese policeman to the circumstance, and in company with the officer proceeded to inspect the premises whence the ominous sounds came, and peering through the shutters observed a light and had no further doubt that the building was on fire. They raised the alarm of "fire," and the Japanese officer went speedily to inform the native fire brigades; who, with commendable promptitude, were soon after rushing with their engines and ladders towards the scene of destruction.

The first fire-engine on the spot was No. 2, of the native Fire Brigade, followed immediately after by Nos. 1, 4 and 6. In fact, in a remarkably short space of time the whole native army of firemen, with their nine engines, were located at the various wells around the burning building, but even before they could commence to play upon the fire it had assumed serious proportions. The local Fire Brigades also turned out in force. The Relief steam fire-engine was located at the tank which has so very recently been constructed in front of the Catholic Church, and threw a continuous stream upon the fire and the neighbouring houses. But the flames seemed to sport with the efforts to extinguish them and greedily drank up the water as it was poured upon them, and with seemingly renewed fury continued their devastations.

Messrs. Kelly & Co.'s and Mr. Giffen's establishments, together with the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, were hopelessly enveloped in flames. All the valuable documents and collections which the Chamber of Commerce has been years in gathering together, the loss of which no insurance could cover, were rapidly passing to ashes before the eyes of those who valued them so highly and who were reluctantly compelled in helpless inactivity to witness their destruction. For a time Messrs. Wetmore & Co.'s store and godown were in imminent danger, but fortunately what little breeze was blowing at the time was not in that direction. Fears were at one time entertained that the Chinese banking establishment on the opposite side of the road would also catch fire, but the stream of water applied to the front helped to counteract the great heat.

It was soon plainly visible that nothing could save the whole block on which the fire was raging. The photographic establishment of Messrs. Stillfried and Anderson, which had been saved from the flames, was soon one mass of negatives. From Messrs. Stillfried and Anderson's the fire spread to Messrs. Lane and Crawford's large store, which first ignited at the eaves of the roof. The fire having caught it did not take long to ravage the whole building, being fed with all manner of combustible articles. A detachment of seamen had been landed from the *Modeste* and another company was supplied by the Japanese men-of-war, and now both bands rendered effective service in carrying away to Nos. 8 and 11 the most valuable goods from the store. We hear all the silverware was saved and also a considerable quantity of miscellaneous goods, such as carpets, silks, copper tubes, &c. But though the amount saved seemed large, it was small in comparison with the quantity of stores contained in the building and which were most consumed. Seeing that the entire building was completely gutted with fire and that it was useless endeavouring to save the premises, the firemen directed their efforts towards preventing the conflagration spreading to the adjoining lots, and in this they were successful. A continuous stream of water was thrown by the various engines on the neighbouring houses until it was running ankle deep in the gutters. By four o'clock the roof had fallen in: and from that time the fierceness of the flames began to diminish and by five o'clock all danger of the fire spreading further was remote.

To-day the fire has been smouldering and it has been necessary to keep a constant flow of water on the burning debris next to Messrs. Ahrens & Co.'s godowns. The iron safe of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. stands like a grim spectre in the midst of the ruins, apparently unharmed; but it is difficult to say in what condition the contents may be, all appearances the iron safe at Messrs. Kelly & Co.'s was in excellent condition, but on forcing it open, the contents, with the exception of a few silver dollars, were found to have been reduced to a charred mass; everything in the shape of books or documents being completely destroyed. The Chamber of Commerce safe was opened this afternoon, and the documents it contained were found to be singed, but all legible. Most, indeed, probably all, of the loss is covered by insurance. Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s stock was insured in Home offices for \$105,000; while the buildings are insured in the local offices for \$20,000. The insurance on Messrs. Kelly & Co.'s goods was for \$3,000; Mr. Giffen's stock was insured for \$2,000 and the Chamber of Commerce property for \$1,500. The loss principally falls upon the North British and Mercantile, Phoenix, Manchester, China Fire, Imperial, Scottish, and Staffordshire Insurance Offices.

## The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

Another Chinaman has fallen a victim to the late riots. This man was shot in the instep, his foot being completely smashed. When conveyed to the Hospital we understand he persistently refused to have his leg amputated. At last, however, he consented to the operation but it was then too late; his system having been exhausted from the wound. He professed (January 8th) five days after the shooting and 26th after receiving the wound. This makes the fourth victim to the folly of the Chinese.

Inspector Strugnell made a raid on a party of gamblers in a hut near the Outrigger Road yesterday afternoon. About a dozen Chinese were busily engaged in card playing with some thirty dollars in cash before them.

On the entrance of the police there was a general retreat, but five were captured, together with the gambling implements and money. This capture may have the effect of breaking up a gambling confraternity which has been carrying on its little game for some time past. We have no doubt of the activity of the police in their endeavours to put down gambling, but this is the first instance we have heard of for some time past of their success, in capturing offenders red-handed.

The French Ironclad frigate *Le Gato-somiere*, Captain Oate, bearing the flag of Rear Admiral Forigo, late Commander in chief of the French squadron in the Pacific, anchored in the roads on Saturday afternoon from China and Saigon, and sailed for Canton yesterday morning. She is on her way home and proceeds via the Suez Canal.

On the trip of the *Caribbees* from Pinang to Singapore this week, a passenger (European) name unknown jumped overboard on Tuesday night when under the influence of delirium-tremens. We are informed that no stoppage on the way of the steamer was made to look for him, nor any attempt made to save him.

There was a case of small pox on board the *Kashgar*, the homeward bound P. & O. boat from Hongkong. We heard nothing of the vessel being placed in quarantine, but inconvenient as such a stay might have been, no consideration but that of duty should prevail with the Harbour and Health Authorities, if the quarantine law and regulations be not a farce and the consequences of a lazarette a waste of money. The patient who was in the first instance attended by Dr. Bentley on behalf of the P. & O. Company, was handed over to the care of the Medical Principal Officer, and is now in an empty house in Passir Panjang Road.

We understand nothing has yet been heard of the missing boat and crew of the *Eastern Isles*, which, consisting of the chief officer and six men, were sent to Reding to procure fuel. The steamer on her passage from Bangkok to Singapore ran short of coal, and these men were despatched to procure wood, but never returned, and after waiting many hours the vessel proceeded as well as she could without them, tearing up plank, &c., for fuel and at last reaching here considerably after date. This occurred fully a month ago, and the facts have been kept remarkably quiet, and we have not heard of any attempts having been made in the way of search for the missing men.

The *Eastern Isles* was very unfortunate last trip. In addition to losing the boat's crew and having to use its fittings for firewood, the third engineer, while loosening a bolt which had fastened some plank, was precipitated into the hold, and broke both arms just above the wrist, and is now in the Hospital.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, Jan. 22, 1877.

OPIUM.—New Patna, cash, \$587 1/2 credit, 590  
" New Benares, cash, 550 credit, 552 1/2  
" New Malwa, cash, 555 credit, 550  
" Allowance Tael, 23 s 32  
" Old Malwa, cash, 575 credit, 570  
" Allowance Tael, 23 s 32

CAMPHOR ... .. 18 1/2 a 18 1/2  
SALTPETRE ... .. 5 50 a 6  
QUICKSILVER ... .. 68 1/2 a 69

## Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... .. 4/3  
" 30 days sight, ... .. 4/3 1/2  
" 6 months sight, ... .. 4/4  
Credit, ... .. 4/4 1/2  
Documentary, 6 months sight, ... .. 4/4 1/2  
Bombay, ... .. 2/28  
Calcutta, ... .. 2/28  
Shanghai, demand, ... .. 7/4  
" 30 days, ... .. 7/4 1/2  
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... .. 8  
Mexicans, ... .. 24 1/2 per  
Gold Leaf, ... .. 4.70  
English Sovereigns, ... .. 4.70  
Australian Sovereigns, ... .. 4.70  
Discount, ... .. 10 s 12 1/2

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 27  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$575  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$165  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1800  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$620  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$200  
North China Ins. Co., \$15, 875  
Yangtze Ins. Association, \$15, 640  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 47 1/2 ds.  
H.K. & S. S. Co., \$15 ds.  
Shanghai Steam N. Co., \$15 ds.  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$52 1/2 ds.  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$29

## Temperatures.

Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, Jan. 22, 1877.  
BAROMETHER—9 A.M. ... .. 30.886  
Do. 1 P.M. ... .. 30.250  
Do. 4 P.M. ... .. 30.250  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... .. 62 1/2  
Do. 1 P.M. ... .. 66  
Do. 4 P.M. ... .. 69  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... .. 62  
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... .. 62 1/2  
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... .. 65  
Do. Maximum ... .. 67  
Do. Minimum over night, 62

## Shipping Intelligence.

## HOME SHIPPING.

The following is taken from the latest London Papers:—

## DEPARTURES.

Nov. 12, Lima, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 13, Rurik, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 16, Hydra, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 16, Benarty (str.), from Glasgow to China and Japan, via London.  
Nov. 17,

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

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**H. DU POUET,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, January 19, 1877. ja25

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**G. B. EMORY, Agent.**  
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. fol

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Hongkong, January 18, 1877. fol

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The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express carriers who carry the official despatches and Peking Gazette, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.

**CHUN AYIN,**  
Manager.  
Hongkong, March 10, 1875.

## Intimations.

**EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1878.**

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,  
**G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.**  
Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.**

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next. For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

**D. C. PRESGRAVE,**  
Municipal Secretary.  
Penang, Municipal Office,  
The 21st September, 1876.

## NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TWICE weekly as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the Chinese Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.

For terms, &c., address  
**Ma CHUN AYIN,**  
Manager.  
China Mail Office,  
17th February, 1874.

## AFONG,

by appointment, to  
**H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,**  
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;  
and to  
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Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

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China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, January 10, 1877.

## THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion; and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for a half year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

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**CHUN AYIN,**  
Manager.  
Hongkong, February 28, 1874.

## HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, January 20, 1877.  
At 1075 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

**Butcher Meat.**  
Bacon, English, lb. 450 400  
" Ame. Sugar cured, 300 250  
" Footcows, 180 160  
Beef, siccino and prime cut, 160 150  
Beef Corned, 150 140  
" Roast, 150 140  
" Soup, 90 80  
" Steak, 150 140  
Bullocks' Brains, per set 60 50  
" Tongue, fresh, each 275 250  
" " corned, 320 300  
" Head, 600 500  
" Heart, 150 140  
" Feet, 50 40  
" Kidneys, 60 50  
" Tail, 100 90  
" Liver, 80 60  
" Tripe (undressed), 50 40  
Calves' Head and Feet, set 500 400  
Hams, American, lb. 350 —  
" Chinese, 225 200  
" English, 360 340  
Mutton Chop, 160 140  
" Leg, 160 140  
" Shoulder, 120 110  
" Liver, 120 110  
Pigs' Chittlings, 60 50  
" Feet, 100 90  
" Fry, 110 100  
" Head, 90 80  
" Heart, 60 50  
" Kidneys, 80 70  
" Livers, 100 80  
Pork Chop, 160 140  
" Corned, 180 160  
" Leg, 160 150  
" Fat or Lard, 110 100  
Sheep's Head and Feet, set 340 320  
" Heart, 50 40  
" Kidneys, 80 70  
Sucking Pigs, 1750 1000  
Veal, 140 120

**Poultry.**  
Chickens, 180 160  
Ducks, 110 100  
Deer, Shanghai, each \$2.00 \$1.75  
Eggs, Hen, 100 —  
" Duck, 100 —  
" Salt, 120 —  
" Fowl, 160 150  
Geese, 120 110  
Partridges, 250 230  
Pheasants, Canton, live, pair \$2.00 —  
" Shanghai, dead, 550 500  
Pigeons, 140 120  
Quail, 60 50  
Snipe, 110 100  
Rabbits, 500 450  
Teal, 150 140  
Turkeys, Cook, 550 500  
" Hen, 400 350  
Wild Duck, 350 300  
" Geese, 600 —  
Woodcock, 500 —

**Fish.**  
Bombay Ducks, new per hundred 350 300  
Bream, 100 90  
Carp, 80 70  
Codfish, Salt, 200 —  
Crabs, 140 100  
Orate, 90 80  
Outside Fish, 100 90  
Dace, 100 90  
Eels, Conger, 50 40  
File Fish, 60 50  
Fresh Fish, Large 180 120  
" Small 90 80  
Frogs, 140 100  
Garoupa, 140 130  
Gudgeon, 100 90  
Haddock, 100 90  
Herrings, 80 70  
" smoked, box \$1.00 —  
Live Fish, 150 140  
Lobsters, 60 50  
Mackerel, 80 70  
Oysters, 130 120  
Parrot Fish, 140 130  
Perch, 70 60  
Pomfret, 100 90  
Prawns, 100 90  
Ray, 100 90  
Roach, 140 130  
Rock Fish, 140 130  
Salmon, Canton, 120 110  
" Saltwater, 140 —  
" Pickled, tin 300 —  
Salt Fish, 120 100  
Shark, young 80 70  
Shrimps, 70 60  
Skate, 60 50  
Snappers, 80 70  
Snipe Fish, 70 60  
Soles, Fresh 60 50  
Tench, 80 70  
Turbot, 160 80  
Turtles, Small 320 300

**Vegetables.**  
Asparagus, 450 400  
Bamboo Shoots, 100 80  
Beans, sprout, 14 12  
" Broad, 40 30  
" French from Mexico, 40 —  
Beet Root, 12 10  
Brussels, 12 10  
Cabbage, White Canton 12 10  
" Common, 8 6  
" Hongkong, 70 80  
" Mixed, 70 80

Cabbage, Turnip, Bohl each 12 10  
Carrots, Salt, catty 20 —  
Carrots, Fresh, 40 30  
Cauliflower, each 70 80  
Celery, Chinese, catty 40 30  
" English, 50 40  
Cucumbers, 50 40  
Chilies, Dried, 150 100  
" Mixed, 60 50  
Curry Stuff, English, 40 30  
Egg Plant, 40 35  
Garlic (bulb) dried, 50 40  
Ginger, 30 20  
Greens, White, 12 10  
" Winter course, 15 —  
Green Sprouts, 20 15  
Green Peas, in shell, old, 60 50  
" young, 40 —  
" Horse Radish, 'Shai, 225 200  
Lettuces, Chinese, 25 20  
" English, head 10 —  
Mint, catty 12 15  
Mushroom, dried, 750 650  
Onions, Bombay, 120 110  
" Green, 20 —  
Parsley, Chinese, 50 —  
" English, bunch 12 10  
Potatoes, California, catty 17 15  
" new, Macao, 15 13  
" Sweet, 12 10  
Pumpkins, 20 15  
Radishes, 80 20  
Scallions, catty 20 15  
Shalots, 40 35  
Sesamum, 120 100  
Taro (U Tan), 12 10  
Tomatoes, 40 30  
Turnips, Salt, 20 15  
" English, each 10 —  
" Chinese, catty 15 10  
Water Lily Roots, 25 20  
Winter Cross, bunch 20 10  
Yams, catty 80 20

**Fruits.**  
Alourites, catty 60 50  
Apples, Dried, 500 400  
" Californian, 200 100  
Almonds, (Bombay), 180 —  
Bananas, fragrant Pantl, 30 25  
" Common, 20 —  
Chestnuts, new, 100 —  
Cocoanuts, each 60 50  
Currants, bottle 400 350  
" lb. 200 160  
Dates, bottle 500 400  
Figs, Dried, 800 400  
Ground Nuts, 30 25  
Lemons, 70 60  
Lichoes, Dried, 220 200  
Longan, Dried, 400 200  
Olives, green, Pantl, catty 60 —  
Oranges, (Goolie) Chang, 40 30  
" Sweet, Sun-woy, 140 110  
" (Mand.) Goolie, 40 30  
" Kam-kwat, 80 —  
" (Mandarin), 100 —  
Papaw, 150 130  
Pears, Sautoong, 100 —  
Pears, Chetoo, 100 80  
Pine-apples, Pantl, each 50 40  
Plantains, common catty 30 20  
" fragrant, 36 30  
Prunes, Dried, bottle 300 250  
Pumpeloes or Shaddock, each 60 50  
" Amoy, 70 —  
Raisins, Muscatel, bottle 750 600  
" lb. 200 160  
Salesbury Seeds, Pak-wo, catty 90 70  
Sugar Cane, stick 25 20  
Tamarinds, catty 60 50  
Walnuts, 100 80  
Water Chestnuts, Canton 60 50

**Miscellaneous.**  
Allspice, Chinese, bottle 200 —  
" English, 750 600  
Barley, pintl 1600 1500  
Bran, pintl 1500 1400  
Butter, lb. 700 600  
Candied Orange Peel, bottle 750 700  
" Lemon, 750 700  
Capers, 220 160  
Charcoal, pintl 1080 1000  
Cheese, American, lb. 400 350  
" English, 500 450  
" Dutch, each 1100 1000  
Cinnamon, catty 300 250  
Cloves, 180 160  
Cloves, 500 460  
Cocoanut Oil, bottle 180 150  
Coffee, lb. 250 200  
Curry Powder, bottle 500 450  
Firewood, pintl 850 840  
Flour, catty 80 25  
Gram, pintl 8000 2750  
Lingless, pintl 750 —  
Lamp Oil, catty 90 80  
Macaroni, box 1000 750  
Mace, catty 750 —  
Mango Chutney, bottle 500 300  
Mustard, 180 160  
Nutmegs, each 10 8  
Olives, bottle 250 200  
Paddy, pintl 1600 1500  
Pearl Barley, bottle 250 130  
Pepper (whole), catty 270 220  
" (ground), bottle 280 200  
Pickles, 200 150  
Rice, catty 35 25  
Sago, 100 80

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